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SHINPEI OKAJIMA, et al) Art Unit: 3682
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For: SNOWBOARD BINDING)

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Commissioner:

Prior to the first office action on the merits, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 1 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--This application is a division of U.S. Patent Application Number 08/761,606, which is a division of U.S. Patent Application Number 08/348,844, now U.S. Patent Number 5,971,420, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Number 08/254,889, now abandoned, the entire disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.